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1 **APPROVED** 2 **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – MEETING MINUTES** 3 June 21, 2022 4 5 **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Corbett called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm. 6 7 PRESENT: Jaie Bergeron, Heather Corbett, Kevin Cote, Jason Croteau, Charlene Takesian, Interim 8 Town Administrator Joe Roark 9 10 11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 12 13 14 **MINUTES REVIEW** 15 16 The Board agreed to review the June 7th, 2022 meeting minutes at the following meeting. 17 18 19 **OPEN FORUM** 20 No one from the public came forward to address the Board. 21 22 23 **APPOINTMENTS** 24 25 Board of Selectmen Vote: Regarding a proposal to purchase a 25-acre parcel. The lot is defined as Map 26 1 Lot 5-105, along the Hudson town line. Property to be acquired for use as conservation land. 27 28 Chairwoman Corbett informed that the Board would hold a vote regarding the proposal to purchase a 25-29 acre parcel along the Hudson town line. She explained that this would be acquired for use as conservation 30 land. 31 32 Ms. Takesian voiced her concern over not having an agreement with Hudson to pass over their land to get 33 to the new parcel. Mr. Paul Gagnon, of the Conservation Commission, replied that he sent an agreement 34 and proposal to Hudson, but their legal advice informed that it was not necessary. He added that it is 35 highly unlikely that Hudson would stop Pelham from going in to the Hudson town forest to access the 36 Pelham forest. 37 38 Ms. Takesian asked what the downfall of not purchasing the land, as it is landlocked. Mr. Gagnon replied 39 that it was likely that an adjacent property would buy it to add to their land and develop it. 40 41 Mr. Gagnon informed of the price of the lot, \$140,000, noting that it costs about \$5,600 per acre. Ms. 42 Corbett explained that the money to pay for it would come from the land change use, meaning there would be no tax impact. Mr. Gagnon informed where the funding comes from. 43

Ms. Takesian asked how much an average cost is per acre. Mr. Gagnon replied that the average cost for around 1,500 acres is about \$7,000 per acre.

Mr. Croteau asked how much money was currently in the fund. Mr. Gagnon replied that there is currently \$266,000 in the fund. Mr. Croteau asked how much money the 25-acres would get from a timber harvest. Mr. Gagnon replied that it should be around \$16,000. Ms. Takesian asked how often timber harvests occur. Mr. Gagnon replied about every 15-20 years, as it takes about that long to regenerate sufficiently for another harvest.

MOTION: (Cote/Bergeron) To take \$140,000 from the land use change tax fee to purchase the

parcel of land.

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

Interviews/appointments for Budget Committee and Water Commission candidates.

Ms. Ellen Cormier of 5 Mercury Lane came forward to interview for the Budget Committee. Chairwoman Corbett asked what Ms. Cormier hoped to bring to the Budget Committee. She informed that she was looking to really understand and learn how things operate and how decisions get made. Mr. Croteau, the liaison to the Budget Committee, stated that he sat on the Committee for two years before running for Selectman, noting that he primarily did it to educate himself. Ms. Takesian asked what degree Ms. Cormier was pursuing. She replied that she was completing a social sciences degree.

MOTION: (Cote/Croteau) To appoint Ellen Cormier to the Budget Committee for one term.

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

Chairwoman Corbett informed that there were two openings for a one year term, one for a two year term, and one for a three year term on the Water Commission.

Ms. Kimberly Abare of 15 Evergreen Avenue came forward to interview for the Water Commission. Chairwoman Corbett read from the application that Ms. Abare would bring organization, team building, and an ability to simplify complex situations. Ms. Abare explained that she is very good at looking at a complicated situation, boiling it down, and organizing everyone together into one meeting. She informed that she is also running for the State Representative seat that is open. She stated that if she is elected to both the Water Commission and as a State Representative, she believes she will be able to bring better connectivity between the town and state organizations. She concluded that she believes that there are complex situations that she is able to break down so that decisions can be made that help them move forward.

MOTION: (Cote/Bergeron) To appoint Kimberly Abare to the Water Commission for a term of three years.

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

Chairwoman Corbett informed that the remaining applicants had all been on the Commission before, noting that they were the initial founding members of the Commission. She emphasized that the Board was not blindly appointing people to a committee.

MOTION: (Cote/Bergeron) To appoint Nate Boutwell to the Water Commission for a term of two

years.

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

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MOTION: (Cote/Bergeron) To appoint Bill Scanzani to the Water Commission for a one year term.

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

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MOTION: (Cote/Bergeron) To appoint Sam Thomas to the Water Commission for a one year term.

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

Bob Long: Transfer Station operation update / RFP Trash Proposal final decision

Mr. Bob Long, director of the Transfer Station, came forward to address the Board. Mr. Croteau explained that they were looking to either have Pelham haul their own trash, or vote to hire a subcontractor. Mr. Cote stated that it made the most sense to him to make the decision to deny the RFP proposals, and them come forward with an actual plan on how the trash would be hauled so that they can have a clearer understanding. Mr. Long agreed. Mr. Cote informed of some of the benefits of having the Town haul the trash.

Mr. Long informed that a separate RFP would go out for the tipping of dumpsters and for the school trash. Mr. Croteau asked what would happen if their current contract runs out before they are ready. Mr. Cote replied that the money is in the budget either way, so they will be covered.

Mr. Roark explained that the town would hire independent truckers until they had the trained personnel.

He added that there is one person at the Highway Department who has their Class A license.

Mr. Croteau asked how many loads would be hauled. Mr. Long replied that they currently have five loads because of the way trash is being separated. He added that they would start separating cans and glass soon.

MOTION: (Cote/Croteau) To deny the two proposals that were submitted for the Transfer Station.

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

Mr. Bergeron asked why the school needs their bins tipped so much. Mr. Croteau replied that an unofficial letter reported it was for sanitary reasons for the cafeterias. Mr. Bergeron continued that tipping the schools' dumpsters once a week was part of the reason there was so much push back for the RFP.

Mr. Cote informed that even though Republic brings the trash to an incinerator, the Town would still be able to use that incinerator if they haul their own trash.

DISCUSSION:

Email communication.

Chairwoman Corbett stated that they were looking for a better process to streamline email communications to the Board of Selectmen, as currently, if an email is sent from the Town webpage, it goes to all the Selectmen. She stated that the idea is to have the Town Administrator field the questions that come in and forward it to the appropriate Board member. Mr. Bergeron added that this is to help avoid a resident receiving five separate answers to an email they sent. Chairwoman Corbett added that the entire Board would still see the email, it would be more streamlined as to who would answer it. Mr. Roark stated that he could also handle simple responses so as to not overwhelm anyone with emails.

Ms. Takesian stated that she likes being able to see all of the feedback through the emails. Chairwoman Corbett stated that residents should try to avoid using Facebook if they would like to address the Board. She emphasized that they read every email, so that is a more appropriate place to communicate with the Board.

SELECTMENT & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Interim Town Administrator Roark:

Mr. Roark reminded everybody that the Senior Center has their Pavilion Ceremony on Thursday at 4:00. He added that everyone is welcome and that it would include several speeches, a tour of the pavilion, and some refreshments.

- Mr. Cote
- 171 Mr. Cote had nothing to report.

- 173 Mr. Bergeron
- 174 Mr. Bergeron had nothing to report.

176 Ms. Takesian

Ms. Takesian informed that the Town Fireworks would be Saturday June 25 at 6:00 on the Village Green. She informed that there would be a lot of food venders and some activities at the Fire Station. She stated that the Concert on the Green would be starting on Wednesday June 29 at 6:00. Ms. Takesian informed that if a resident signs up for the Library summer reading program, they will receive a free ice cream sundae. Ms. Takesian informed that starting in July at the Senior Center, there would be music playing every Wednesday at 12:00, where grab and go lunches are offered for \$2.00. She continued that cornhole would also take place Wednesdays at 9:00 am and beanbag baseball on Fridays at 1:00 pm. Ms. Takesian informed that if residents have documents that need to be shredded, there is a shredding event on September 10 that she will continue to remind about. She added that the Farmers Market is on Saturdays from 10:00 – 1:00. Ms. Takesian reminded everyone about the Master Plan, noting that there would be a master plan discussion by the Council on Aging on June 29 at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Croteau

Mr. Croteau informed that the power baseball season long raffle raised \$4,000 for the new t-ball fields.

Chairwoman Corbett

Chairwoman Corbett informed that the Pelham School District finished the school year on Monday with a half day. She thanked the faculty, administration, and all the workers who take care of the children. She added that she hoped they enjoy the summer.

Mr. Bergeron

REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: (Cote/Croteau) Request for non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II, A (personnel).

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take any other action publicly, except to seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the meeting. The Board entered a non-public session at approximately _____ p.m.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

- 215 Respectfully submitted,
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